

REMARKS

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, objected-to Claims 19 and 20 have been placed in independent form as newly presented Claims 25 and 26 respectively. Accordingly, Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled. Additionally, independent Claims 13, 16, 23 and 24 have been amended to state that the slits have openings which are provided in a spaced apart relationship between said vertical wall and a second vertical wall of said open box. Support for this amendment is provided by the figures and the second full paragraph of the "clean copy" of the specification on page 12 and in other locations in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 13-15, 21 and 23 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Lenson. Claims 16-18 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Umeda. Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Umeda. Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection and urge reconsideration in light of the amendments to the claims and the following comments.

The currently presented claims now require that the slits have openings provided in a spaced-apart relationship between the vertical wall and a second vertical wall of the open box. This means that the openings of the slits must extend in a somewhat horizontal fashion. In all of the references cited by the Examiner, the openings of the so-called "slits" extend in a spaced-apart vertical fashion and not between two vertical walls. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention clearly is structurally distinguished from the references cited by the Examiner. If the Examiner feels that there are any outstanding matters left to be resolved in the present application, she is respectfully

requested to contact the undersigned in order that they may be dealt with.

Respectfully submitted,


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